

# **PRESS RELEASE**

## **Congressman John Conyers, Jr.**

**Fourteenth District, Michigan  
Ranking Member, Committee on the Judiciary  
Dean, Congressional Black Caucus**

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### **Conyers Dismayed by Librarian's Webcasting Rate Decision**

Congressman John Conyers, Jr., Ranking Member of the House Judiciary Committee, issued the following statement regarding the Librarian of Congress's decision to cut the rates for webcasting music:

"I am deeply troubled by the Librarian of Congress's decision, which only short changes artists and the value of the music they create and we enjoy. The decision to apparently throw out the royalty rates for Internet radio developed by an independent group of arbitrators thumbs its nose at the judicial process that Congress put in place. This decision runs counter to the intent of Congress, which was to ensure that artists and record companies would be fairly compensated for the use of their creative works by a growing Internet radio industry."

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